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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that an information was filed in U. S. District Court in Madison on April 5, 2007, charging Randy R. Stewart, 39, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with four counts of selling cattle, intended for slaughter and human consumption, which were adulterated by containing illegal amounts of animal drugs.

The information alleges that Stewart, doing business as Cottonwood Cattle Company, sold the adulterated cattle on April 22 and October 16, 2002, March 13, 2003, and April 1, 2004, to Valley Pride Pack, located in Norwalk, Wisconsin. According to the information, the cattle contained antibiotics intended for use in animals above the maximum safe level allowed by the Food and Drug Administration.

If convicted, Stewart faces a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$100,000 fine on each count. The charges against him are the result of an investigation conducted by the Food and Drug Administration, Office of Criminal Investigations. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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